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Scott:

A few thoughts on the subject recommendations:

#### Chapter 3

##### Drought Contingency Planning:

1) Critical water shortage reduction marketing program: At the end add a specific reference to the ERP.

2) Under Local agency groundwater programs: I suggest adding language that acknowledges the need for increased groundwater resources (water and storage capacity) as an EWA asset to be sought concurrently with efforts to expand local agency groundwater programs.

##### Global Climate Change:

3) Development of an ecological assessment monitoring program to establish an essential baseline database that could be used to conduct analyses of climate change on California ecosystems should be an effort undertaken and guided by the CBDA ERP and Science Program.

#### Chapter 5

##### Agricultural Water Use Efficiency:

4) Under Measure, plan and evaluate: I recommend that these types of data also be collected for agricultural areas using wildlife friendly agricultural practices.

5) Under Prepare for dry years and extraordinary shortages: Consider language that expands the preparedness to include fish and wildlife resources that depend on or are affected by water management on agricultural lands.

##### Conjunctive Management:

6) Under the recommendation about giving priority for funding and technical assistance to conjunctive management projects include increasing groundwater resources (water and storage capacity) as EWA assets.

7) Under the recommendation to Encourage the development of multi-benefit projects that generate source water for groundwater storage by capturing water that would otherwise not be used by other water users or the environment: Provide a cautionary note in the text that states careful evaluation of how water is not "used by the environment" will be undertaken so that contributions to factors such as Delta inflow and Delta outflow are considered "environmental uses".

##### Economic Incentives Policy:

8) Under Assessment of environmental flows include other agencies such as the USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, and USGS.

##### Water Transfers:

9) Under Preparing programmatic and site specific CEQA/NEPA documents to assess cumulative effects of inter-regional transfers include language

that states that conservation and mitigation strategies will be included to address impacts on fish and wildlife from those transfers.

Water Dependent Recreation:

10) Include coordination with DFG in exploring the use of funding from the Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp to integrate new and improved public angling opportunities.

These conclude my comments. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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